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Community Population Projections Northwest Territories, 1999-2019

The NWT Bureau of Statistics has updated community population projections to reflect July 1, 1999 population estimates. These projections also update fertility, mortality and migration assumptions used in the model with more current information. Detailed results of the population projection model by age, by gender and by ethnic group are available on T-stat, the Bureau of Statistics' on-line data retrieval system (http//www.stats.gov.nt.ca).

Population projections are based generally on historical trends. Projections provide important information for planning future government programs and services. These population projections, however, could be significantly impacted by major economic changes like non-renewable resource development. The NWT population projection model has been designed to allow changes in the base assumptions to assess demographic impacts of major economic changes. Contact the Bureau of Statistics on this aspect of the model.

During the 20 year projection period the Northwest Territories is expected to grow from 41,606 persons on July 1, 1999 to 52,082 persons by 2019. Community population projections are provided in Table 1.

One of the most significant findings of the population projections, is the higher growth among older territorial residents (Figure 1). Improved life expectancy and a more stable population are factors that contribute to this pattern of growth. Persons 60 years of age and older are expected to increase from 2,571 in 1999 to 6,809 by 2019. Another age category critical to government programs are those less than 20 years of age. This group is expected to grow more slowly, from 14,516 in 1999 to 15,949 in 2019.

Figure 1 Population, by Age Category Northwest Territories, 1999 - 2019

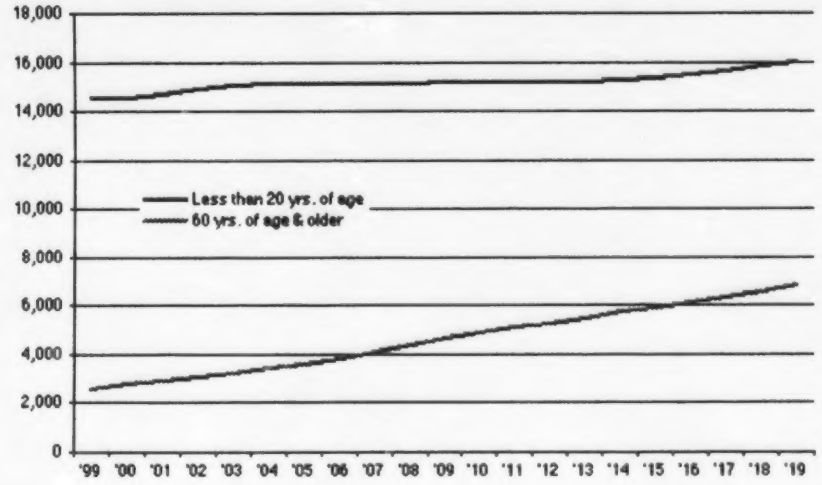

Table 1 Population Projections, by Community
Northwest Territories, 1999 - 2019

	Est.	Projection			
	1999	2004	2009	2014	2019
Northwest Territories	41,606	43,829	46,174	49,116	52,082
Aklavik	738	748	752	762	768
Deline	600	634	669	711	740
Detah	195	203	211	219	225
Fort Good Hope	711	734	763	789	812
Fort Liard	505	517	533	541	547
Fort McPherson	952	982	1,009	1,030	1,055
Fort Providence	862	893	908	922	938
Fort Resolution	572	563	552	546	540
Fort Simpson	1,300	1,313	1,322	1,345	1,367
Fort Smith	2,728	2,838	2,941	3,100	3,281
Hay River	3,875	4,117	4,365	4,738	5,160
Hay River Reserve	269	277	287	299	312

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Holman	458	498	513	537	566
Inuvik	3,445	3,722	4,031	4,408	4,803
Lutselk'e	384	396	407	419	435
Norman Wells	744	767	778	779	769
Paulatuk	304	318	342	375	411
Rae Lakes	292	307	320	339	358
Rae-Edzo	1,818	1,931	2,073	2,221	2,383
Sachs Harbour	153	161	169	179	185
Tsiigehtchic	171	183	199	212	217
Tuktoyaktuk	980	1,025	1,060	1,105	1,150
Tulita	489	501	510	527	537
Wekweti	130	144	159	173	185
Wha Ti	469	494	518	533	544
Wrigley	193	191	198	201	203
Yellowknife	17,702	18,773	19,977	21,497	22,982

Note: Projections are not reported for unorganized areas and for communities with less than 100 persons. These values are included in the territorial total.